



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



October 31, 2023 Deadline to Submit Application



September 6, 2023 Extended to **September 29** Deadline to Request Information from USDA



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CAN I APPLY IF...?

The Federation will not make eligibility determinations. Our application assistance resources are limited. If you are not a current or former farmer who applied or attempted to apply for a Farmers Home Administration or Farm Service Agency loan or a prior Pigford, Keepseagle, Garcia, or Love claimant, we suggest that you contact the DFAP Call Center who will assist you with general inquiries and answer questions you may have in completing your Application. You can reach them by email at info@22007apply.gov or by phone at 1-800-721-0970.

CAN I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF AN ESTATE?

Only a surviving heir who assumed the FSA debt of the decedent that was the subject of discrimination before January 1, 2021, is eligible. In other words, if you are not personally responsible for paying the debt of the person who experienced discrimination, you would not be considered eligible for financial assistance under this program.

HOW DO I REQUEST MY FARM LOAN RECORDS FROM USDA?

You'll need to request your records in writing. You can do this by emailing info@22007apply.gov no later than Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

IS THERE A NEW BLACK FARMER DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT?

NO.

WHAT MAXIMUM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL FARMER, RANCHER OR FOREST OWNER WHO EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION IN USDA LOAN PROGRAMS?
\$500,000, but will likely be MUCH LESS per individual.

I EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS; AM I ELIGIBLE?

NO, only discrimination by the Farm Service Agency in farm loan programs is eligible.

I EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION IN MY GUARANTEED LOAN. AM I ELIGIBLE?

If you experienced discrimination by FSA in your loan application or servicing, you WOULD be eligible. Still, if you experienced discrimination by the non-FSA lender, you WOULD NOT be eligible.

IS THE APPLICATION AVAILABLE NOW?

Yes, the application is available online at www.22007apply.gov

IS THERE A FEE FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE?

NO.

IS THERE A FEE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

NO.

CAN PIGFORD CLAIMANTS APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

YES.

DO I HAVE TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO APPLY?

No, but if you sign an agreement with an attorney to provide services, you WILL have to pay the attorney!

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

OCTOBER 31, 2023

DO I NEED TO APPLY EARLY TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

No, the program is not first come, first served. There is no advantage created by applying early because all applications will be reviewed and decided simultaneously. The best time to submit your application is before the deadline, but only once you have all the details to submit a complete application.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

The National Administrator – Midtown Group will make final decisions on all applications. USDA and Cooperators will not make any decisions on the applications.

IF MY APPLICATION IS DENIED, CAN I RE-APPLY OR APPEAL?

NO.

